TRANSIT & RAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

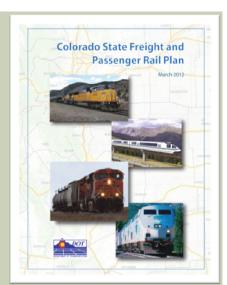
Transit &
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Meeting
July 18, 2012

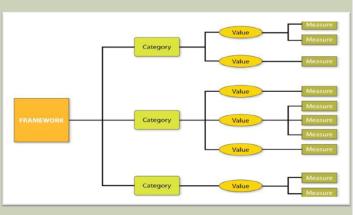
TRAC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- TRAC Kick-off January 2011
- Discretionary Grant Funding Priorities May 2011
- TRAC purpose, vision and values adopted June 2011
 - Purpose: To partner with DTR by advising and promoting the Division's vision, policies, and priorities.
 - Vision: To preserve and enhance in an environmentally and economically sensitive manner the efficient mobility of people and goods throughout and beyond Colorado through the development of safe, reliable transit and rail networks.
 - <u>Vision Values:</u> Identified 22 values, including transit opportunities for all, connectivity, infrastructure preservation, intermodalism, economic & energy efficiency, etc.

TRAC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- TRAC member participation on Steering Committee for State Passenger and Freight Rail Plan April 2011 March 2012
- TRAC recommendation of State Passenger and Freight Rail Plan for approval by TC – March 2012
- Performance Measures Development Sept. 2011 - April 2012
 - Accessibility
 - Mobility
 - Safety
 - Economic Development
 - Environmental & Resource Conservation
 - Efficiency
 - System Preservation & Expansion





TRANSIT GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Safety and Accessibility
- Modality
- System and Service Preservation
- Transit Connectivity and Expansion
- Relationships with Local Entities
- State and Federal Presence and Advocacy









PURPOSE

- To guide the development of the Statewide Transit Plan
- To provide direction to the Division and it's partners in developing an integrated multimodal transportation system for Colorado
- To inform decision-makers when setting project or financial priorities
- To ultimately develop transit policy for CDOT

SAFETY & ACCESSIBILITY

When planning and designing improvements to the statewide transportation system, CDOT will consider the current and future multimodal needs and safety of all users, including elderly, disabled, veteran, student, low-income, and minority populations as well as those who choose not to drive. When implementing transportation system improvements, CDOT will provide safe access and better modal interface to transportation facilities and services for all users.

MODALITY

When planning and designing for system maintenance, enhancement and expansion, CDOT will consider all modes of personal transportation including (but not limited to) automobiles, buses, trains, pedestrians and bicycles. Considerations will include system capacity, transit ridership, capital and operational costs, land-use, and traveler information. CDOT will facilitate increased modal options for all transportation system users, including non-automobile travelers.

SYSTEM & SERVICE PRESERVATION

cDOT will consider the role of transit in expanding system capacity and extending the useful life of existing transportation facilities, networks and right-of-way. CDOT will strive, through partnerships with transit providers, for a state of good repair for transit fleets, facilities, technology and current service levels.

TRANSIT CONNECTIVITY & EXPANSION

CDOT will promote transit connectivity into and between economic, educational, residential, business, tourist and recreational hubs for all transportation system users, including non-automobile travelers. CDOT will support and enhance intermodal mobility by linking networks of local, regional and interstate transportation (air, rail, bus) services.

RELATIONSHIP WITH LOCAL ENTITIES

CDOT will work with local agencies and other stakeholders in a spirit of partnership, while maintaining required state and federal oversight. CDOT will support best practices and local decision making and act as a technical resource for local agencies. CDOT will support business processes for efficient and effective customer service.

STATE & FEDERAL PRESENCE & ADVOCACY

CDOT will advocate for state and federal support of Colorado transit, including sound and effective transit policy and sufficient, sustainable and reliable funding. CDOT will actively pursue federal funding for transit, including applying for competitive grants, partnering with other entities on transit funding from non-DOT sources, and supporting appropriations that bring new dollars to Colorado.

NEXT STEPS

TRAC:

- Engagement in DTR studies:
 - AGS
 - ICS
 - Intercity and Regional Bus Study
 - Statewide Transit Plan
- Continue with performance measures
- Establish future agenda items
- Transit Guiding Principles:
 - Formalize Transit Guiding Principles for use in developing the Statewide Transit Plan
 - TC Transit Policy